

## FRESH FOREIGN FACTS

Osman Digna assuming the Presidency—No Signs  
Advancing on Kertoum—A Social Festival  
in London—An American Presented to

LONDON, April 23.—Omar Digna is actively resuming the defensive. He is attempting to cut off the friendly tribes about Handoub and Tamansib from water. Sheikh Mahmud Ali is opposing him, and a battle is expected. Dispatches from General Gordon, on March 18th, state that El Obeid is poverty stricken, and destitute of trade. A few of the Mahdi's followers are there.

that the Mahdi is about to advance upon Khartoum. The Kabbabish tribe is in open rebellion against the Mahdi.

Queen's drawing room of the 30th ult., the one at which the American—began, Miss Jennie Chamberlain, made her triumphant debut at the court. In the court circular, published in this evening's papers, appears the following official notice, duly signed and attested by Sir Henry Frederick Ponsonby, her Majesty's private secretary.

"The presentation at Her Majesty's drawing room on Thursday, March 20, of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Newton, of New York City, United States of America, in answer to the request of the Hon. James Russell Lowell, Minister of the United States."

This formal notice has the effect of nullifying the presentation at court. It expunges from the record the fact that such a presentation ever took place, withdrawal

from the persons named. All this prestige given by a court debut, and in fact sends them to Coventry, as far as aristocratic society is concerned. The issuing of any such notice as the above is a sufficiently rare event, and when the notification is coupled with a request coming from the American Minister, it adds greatly to its importance and interest. A cable news correspondent has accordingly begun an investigation of the

circumstances which have led to this act of betrayal, and has ascertained that "Mr. Julius Newton" has been residing for the past six months in England, but that when he arrived in London he was known not only to Nathan, of New York City, The reason for his change of name have not yet ascertained, but it was only as "Mr. Julius Newton" that he was known at the American embassy. He made a formal request to Mr. Lowell to be presented, with his wife, at the house of Nathan, of New York City, but he had no suspicion that the applicant was anything but what he represented himself to be, had no hesitation in complying. A drawing room reception was held upon the 20th ult. "Mr. Newton" was duly pre-

presented to the Princess of Wales, who represented the Queen on that occasion, by Mr. Lowell, while Mrs. Lowell performed the duty of official chaperone to the young lady whom "Mr. Newton" had introduced as his wife. The episode has caused a decided sensation in society circles, and has led to the circulation of a number of scandalous stories to account for the notice of withdrawal.

**FOR LIBEL**

**Edmund Yates, of the London "World,"  
Gets Four Months.**

LONDON, April 2.—Mr. Edmund Yates, the brilliant author and the editor of the *World*, convicted of a libel upon Lord Lonsdale, was to-day sentenced to four months' imprisonment. The *World* is a weekly paper devoted to social and sport-

work is bright and witty, and oftentimes with a sharp point which those spoken of frequently do not relish. Such was his luck with some remarks made about Lord Long-

**ALL QUIET**

**At Cincinnati—The Soldiers Being Sent Home—Killed and Wounded.**

CINCINNATI, O., April 2.—One of the most encouraging outward signs of the supremacy of order has just appeared in the removal of the barrier to the entrance of the soldiers into the city.

The removal of the barricades in the streets about the court house. At noon the first street car of the Mt. Auburn line was permitted to pass through after being shut out since half-past nine o'clock Saturday night, when the pistol firing and stone throwing in front of the court house intimidated the drivers and conductors who refused to risk their lives. Travel of all kinds

was at once resumed. A cart of the court house was one of the first lots of freight delivered on the North Court street was an immense quantity of bacon to the pork house opposite the court house. No longer is there a menacing attitude of the "present arms." Few soldiers are pacing the sidewalks around the court house for the purpose of preventing venturesome persons from entering the dangerous structure. The entire military force was withdrawn to day except the

17th regiment, which has orders to remain until further orders. The latest revised list of the dead and wounded makes the dead 45 and the wound-d 139.

**AFTER THOUGHT**

On the Cincinnati Edition of the Ohio Legislature.

COLUMBIA, O., April 2.—Governor Hood by his message to the General Assembly today recommended a provision by law for the offer of an adequate reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Capt. John J. Desmond, Company B, First Regiment, O. N. G., killed the evening of

A bill was introduced in the Senate providing that citizens may recover from the

**A Kentucky occurrence (?)**  
HOPKINSVILLE, KY., April 2.—At Fairview, yesterday, John W. Gibson, a young man, walked into a grocery store two pistol balls into the heart of John McConnel, killing him instantly. No reason was assigned for the deed. Gibson escaped, but a party of citizens are in pursuit and will shoot him if caught.